



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the January 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Greg Lucero, President, Barbara Mendoza, Clerk; Members Manuel Ruiz, Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., and Santiny Orozco

a. Call to Order

Mr. Lucero called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Jeff Gudenkauf, DSMS teacher, led all in the pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra requested that items VI, VII and VIII of the agenda be discussed right after the approval of the Governing Board Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes

a. Approval of the Governing Board regular Board Minutes of January 17, 2017.

Superintendent Parra recommended approval of the minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and second by Mrs. Mendoza for approval of the minutes as presented to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

a. Superintendent Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

1. Simulated Congressional Hearing/Desert Shadows Middle School Student Presentations – Performed at the County Complex January 23, 2017 – Congratulations to Mr. Gudenkauf and our Desert Shadows Social Studies Students

Superintendent Parra gave a brief review of the recognition of a teacher who has gone above and beyond to educate and help the students.

He thanked County Superintendent Alfredo Velasquez, County Recorder Susie Sainz, County Supervisor/NUSD Board Member Manny Ruiz, and Superior Court Clerk Juan Pablo Guzman for their participation as judges in the simulation event.

Superintendent Parra read a letter from a student stating how this special teacher has helped him and after reading the letter, he introduced Mr. Jeff Gudenkauf and presented him with a Nogales Unified School District Certificate of Appreciation.

Mr. Gudenkauf said a few words of appreciation and further, mentioned that back when he was in school, a teacher by the name of Ramon Paz had been an influence on him to become a teacher and follow his footsteps by making his teaching interesting with fun ideas and with making learning enjoyable.

2. Congratulations to NUSD Spelling Bee Winners:

- 1st Place – Julia Z. Wascher, DSMS 6th grade
- 2nd Place – Srishti Mitra, DSMS 8th grade
- 3rd Place – Regina Sanchez, WCMS 7th grade

Superintendent Parra introduced Asst. Superintendent Canto to give an overview of the Spelling Bee District's winners.

She introduced the students beginning with the 3rd place, Regina Sanchez, 2nd place winner Srishti Mitra, 8th grader, and the 1st place winner Julia Wascher, 6th grader at DSMS.

All students received a Certificate of Recognition for their efforts.

3. Update on IB- International Baccalaureate National Conference

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of the program and explained that the IB Program evaluators had requested the participation of the IB teachers, the principals, Administration and the Governing Board to attend the National Conference in Orlando, Florida. He further mentioned that this year the school district would have the funds to send many of these members.

4. Update on JTED Visitation/Evaluation of Program- CTE Courses

Superintendent Parra gave a brief update and introduced Mr. Cesar Miranda. Mr. Miranda gave a recap of the overall visit. He outlined the nine classroom areas visited and mentioned how they had been evaluated.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mr. Manny Ruiz made a few comments about the Simulated Congressional Hearing by Mr. Gudenkauf's students and congratulated him for a job well done.

Mrs. Mendoza reported he had attended the BOLTS seminar in Tucson and that it had been a great conference and very informative. She also reported she had attended WCMS Student of the Month ceremony and congratulated Dr. Soltero for the awesome job they do with the students.

Dr. Varona reported he had attended the BOLTS seminar and mentioned the sessions he had attended.

He thanked the principals for their reports and mentioned the important highlights of each school.

Mr. Lucero reported he had also attended the BOLTS Seminar and thanked Mrs. Mendoza for representing the District and the County at the meeting.

IV. Call to the Public

None

V. Consent Agenda Items

Superintendent Parra recommended approval of the consent agenda as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval of the consent agenda as presented to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Approval of Out of State Travel for NFRC Staff (Northglenn, Colorado on 2/23-24/2017)
- c. Approval of Out of State Travel for NHS Dance Team (Anaheim, California on 3/23-26/2017 – 2017 USA Spirit Competition)
- d. Approval of Out of State Travel for NHS Cheer Team (Anaheim, California on 3/23-28/2017 – 2017 USA Spirit Competition)
- e. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary
- f. Approval of Teacher Evaluation System Verification Statement of Assurance

VI. Executive Session for Student Matter

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-342(11) and A.R.S. §38-431.02(A)(2), the Governing Board may vote to call for an executive session to consider a request for a review of a decision to promote or retain student and to consider student records that are exempt by law from public inspection in connection with the promotion or retention of these students.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for the Governing Board to leave the regular meeting and enter into executive session.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board left the regular meeting at 5:04 p.m. and proceeded to the Conference Room to proceed with the executive session.

VII. End of Executive Session and Re-open of Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and was seconded by Mr. Orozco to reconvene into the regular meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned from the executive session and reconvened into the regular meeting at 5:23 p.m.

VIII. Action Items

- a. Policy IKE-RA - Promotion and Retention of Students – Grades K-5
Promotion/Retention Guidelines

Superintendent Parra requested to demote the student as recommended by the administration.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and was seconded by Mr. Orozco for the demotion of the student as recommended by the administration.

Dr. Varona thanked the administration for preparing the Board and getting all the facts together on this issue.

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Information and Discussion

- a. Aggregate Performance Classifications of Principals and Teachers SY2016

Mrs. Mayra Zuniga gave an overview of the new changes; she included a graph presentation to explain the performance classifications.

Dr. Varona inquired on the reason one campus had more highly effective teachers than the rest of the other schools.

Mrs. Zuniga explained what she believed it could be the cause and further mentioned that she believed the teachers may be having difficulties in trying to succeed, but that this was work in progress.

Asst. Superintendent Canto further clarified Dr. Varona's concern and mentioned they would work and follow up on the trainings to make them more successful.

Superintendent Parra further explained about the evaluation of the schools as well as the changes on the instrument and the data; he added that the District's goal was to make all ten schools highly effective.

Mr. Orozco made a comment about, in the future, schools having more highly effective teachers.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked Superintendent Parra, Asst. Superintendent Canto and Mrs. Zuñiga for their presentation and mentioned that this graph shows that the evaluations are fair and a true indicator of what needs work.

Mr. Ruiz made comments of highly effective teachers and mentioned that he can see the instrument is working.

Mr. Lucero asked on the turnover, whether bringing retired teachers or new teachers on board, if it had any impact on the overall scoring of each school and asked that the administration make the Board aware by providing an explanation.

X. Information and Discussion and Possible Action

a. Approval of MOU between the Arizona Board of Regents and the Nogales Unified School District

Mr. Lucero clarified that the abbreviation "MOU" was short for Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Parra gave an overview of the program.

Asst. Superintendent Canto further explained the process of the agreement.

A motion was made by Dr. Varona and seconded by Mr. Ruiz for approval.

Mrs. Mendoza mentioned that this program was welcomed and she was looking forward to continued work with this institution.

Mr. Lucero asked about the legalities and recommendations by the district's attorney.

Dr. Varona mentioned that all items were reviewed by the attorney before they are presented to the Board.

Superintendent Parra agreed to add future clarification to Mr. Lucero's concern.

Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Request for Future Agenda Items

Mr. Ruiz asked that a comparison presentation from the previous year be added on a future aggregate performance classification report.

Mr. Lucero requested that more input on JTED be provided to keep the Board involved.

Superintendent Parra made a clarification of the Board's responsibilities under a JTED Satellite District. He further explained that the JTED was overseen by the Pima JTED Board and that he would keep them in the loop and would provide updates of the program.

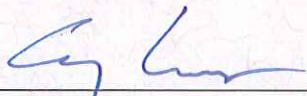
XII. Adjournment of the Special Meeting/Study Session

A motion was made by Dr. Varona and seconded by Mr. Ruiz for adjournment of the public meeting.

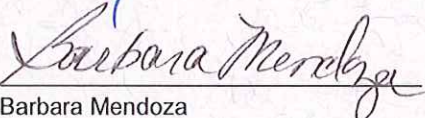
Motion carried unanimously.

Session was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

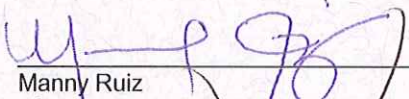
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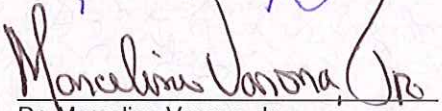
Greg Lucero President



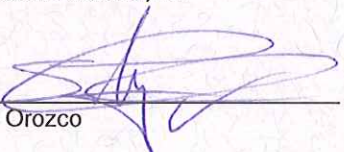
Barbara Mendoza Clerk



Manny Ruiz Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member



Santiny Orozco Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
February 13, 2017

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